## NRI Human Nutrition and Obesity Program Goals/Priorities – FY 2008

# All projects must address some aspect of food as it relates to obesity

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#### Research – funding limit \$500 K total

- Improve understanding of behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity
- Epidemiological studies may involve secondary data analysis

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#### Integrated – funding limit \$1.5 M total

- Improve understanding of behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity and use this new information to develop effective intervention strategies for preventing obesity and/or develop educational programs for future researchers and educators
- Develop and implement behavioral and environmental instruments to measure progress in obesity prevention

# NRI Human Nutrition and Obesity Recent Program Changes

#### For Integrated Projects:

- No more than 2/3 of the budget can be allotted to any one of the 3 components of the agricultural knowledge system (research, education, extension)
- The elements of a logic model must be included as a narrative or chart

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#### "Human Nutrition and Obesity" Program Statistics – FY 2006

- # of Proposals Submitted 82 (20 research, 62 integrated)
- # of Proposals Awarded 2 Standard Research Grants, 1 Standard Strengthening Grant, 8 Integrated Grants, 5 Bridge Grants
- % Success\*: Research: 15%, Integrated: 13%
- Average Award Size\*: Research: \$323,300, Integrated: \$1,206,250
- Average Award Duration\*: Research: 2.3 yrs, Integrated:
   3.8 yrs

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes Bridge Grants

#### NRI Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health Program Goals/Priorities – FY 2008

- Research (max. \$500 K total award)
  - Mechanistic studies of bioavailability, function, efficacy and safety of bioactive dietary components at levels which would be expected to be consumed in diet
  - Interrelationships among bioactive dietary components and/or nutrients in promoting health
  - Novel studies of the functions and mechanisms of regulation of vitamins and minerals





#### NRI Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health Program Goals/Priorities – FY 2007

- Integrated (max. \$750 K total award)
  - Identification, processing and tailoring of functional foods to promote energy balance, with an emphasis on efficacy and safety.
    - Shared priority with Program 71.1
    - Projects should include food science and nutrition expertise
    - Collaboration with industry encouraged
    - Multidisciplinary training of graduate students, postdocs encouraged



### NRI Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health – Recent Changes

- Letter of intent required Letter due Nov. 5, full proposal January 17 – in 2007 received 157 LOI, invited 79, received 60 proposals from those invited
- New joint priority with program 71.1 for integrated proposals in the area of functional foods (in 2007 received 5 proposals submitted to 31.0, 4 to 71.1– funded one project)
- Encourage projects that use dose-response methodology (recommendation from ARS, IOM workshops)

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#### "Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health" Program Statistics – FY 2007

- # of Proposals Submitted 67 (51 standard research, 5 integrated, 4 New Investigator, 3 conference, 4 seed/equipment/sabbatical leave
- # of Proposals Awarded 13 (7 standard research grants, 1 New Investigator award, 1 Standard Strengthening grant, 3 Conference Grants, 1 Equipment Grant)
- % Success 20% (standard grants)
- Average Award Size \$452,766 (standard grants)
- Average Award Duration (years) 2.3 (standard grants)





### NRI 71.1: Improving Food Quality and Value (FY 2008)

#### Goals / Priorities

#### Research

Mechanisms of interaction of molecular food components affecting quality

Engineering principles of innovative processing technologies

Effect of processing on the bioavailability of health components in foods

#### Integrated

Engineering principles of innovative processing technologies

functional foods to promote energy balance, with an emphasis on efficacy and safety (Joint priority with NRI 31.0 Bioactive components)

#### Significant Changes For FY 2008

- Integrated program better explained
- •Funds for integrated program adjusted (up to \$ 1.5 million)
- •Letter of intent deadline moved to November 5, 2007

### Funding Statistics FY 2007

	Std.	Strength.	Integrated	JP
• # submitted	93	11	16	9
<ul><li># awarded</li></ul>	14	5	1	1
• % success	15	45	6	11
<ul> <li>Average award size</li> </ul>	355 K	23 K	362 K	750 K
<ul> <li>Duration (years)</li> </ul>	2-3	1-3	3	3
plus Two EPSCOR grants for 507 K				